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REMARKS

Claims 1-3 remain pending in this application for which applicants seek reconsideration.

Amendment

Claims 1-3 have been revised to improve their form, readability, and clarity. The claimed elements are now positively recited and correlated with each other. No new matter has been introduced.

Art Rejection

Claims 1-3 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) or (e) as anticipated respectively by Brehm (USP 5,617,890) or Bozkan (USP 6,378,545). Applicants traverse these rejections because these references do not disclose or teach the claimed valve body having the claimed in-line supply/output passage configuration.

Indeed, both Brehm and Bozkan disclose a solenoid valve, but fail to disclose a valve body as claimed. Note that claim 1 calls for a solenoid valve circuit for an automatic transmission having a valve body having a fluid supply passage and a fluid output passage arranged substantially in-line, and a two-way solenoid valve mounted to the valve body. The two-way solenoid valve has a nozzle portion interposed between the supply passage and the output passage. Moreover, the two-way solenoid valve has an orifice port that fluidly communicates with the supply and output passages, and a drain port communicable with the orifice port.

As the applied references do not disclose or teach a valve body connected to a solenoid valve, these references would not have anticipated or taught the claimed invention.

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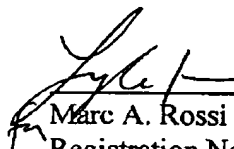
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Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-3 patentably distinguish over the applied references and thus urge the examiner to issue an early Notice of Allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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